

Covering Statement for Osprey Development at Huntsman Taverners, Downend

We are seeking retrospective planning permission from East Staffordshire Borough Council for the erection of a single rapid electric vehicle charge point and associated electrical feeder pillar within the car park of the pub.

We are also seeking planning permission for the erection of a second rapid electric vehicle charge point and associated electrical feeder pillar within the car park of the pub.

The combined total for the site within this proposal is two rapid electric vehicle chargers and two electrical feeder pillars.

Osprey Charging Network is the applicant. The red line boundary includes only the area of the development for which planning permission is being sought. There is no blue line boundary shown as the applicant (Osprey) is not a landowner.

Osprey Charging Network has already completed in excess of 300 sites around Britain and has witnessed the ever-increasing need for high-power, public, EV charging; as well as a need for the provision of slower speed charging for customers who have much longer dwell times.

Staffordshire County Council recognises the role the electric vehicle adoption has in Staffordshire's efforts in tackling climate change. The increased (and increasing) ownership and usage of electric vehicles by residents and visitors of Staffordshire means that the demand for local electric vehicle infrastructure is increasing

As stated on [Staffordshire.gov.uk](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk), Staffordshire County Council 'want to see a coordinated network of charging points across the country that will give residents and visitors the confidence to use electric vehicles. To achieve this we (the council) have developed a strategy that defines the role of the County Council facilitating and supporting local councils alongside the private sector to coordinate the development of accessible charging infrastructure. Through the installation of these proposed charging points, Osprey Charging Network will be helping both Staffordshire County Council and East Staffordshire Council to reach their objectives.

While electric vehicles currently only account for 2.9% of the vehicles on UK roads, that number is expected to rise to over 30% by 2030. Not all homes and EV drivers will have access to off-street parking (over 30%) and they will be reliant on affordable and accessible public charging infrastructure. Osprey Charging Network's chargers are the most 'open' to EV drivers. All cars, regardless of charging port, can charge on the network and customers have an option to simply use contactless payment or an app, RFID or a subscription service. We cater to all drivers (including those with reduced mobility) and if there are drivers who regularly rely on and use our charge points, our subscription service allows them to sign up to a cheaper tariff as we understand not all customers have access to a private charger at home.